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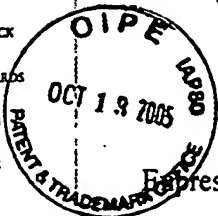
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TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☒ Set of three (3) sheets of replacement drawings containing Figures 1, 3, and 4 including the proposed amendments therein; and
- ☒ A duplicate set of the three (3) sheets of annotated drawings showing the changes therein.
- ☒ A set of three (3) sheets of new drawings containing Figures 6-8.

X To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:

X Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time; and

X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

X A Certificate of Express Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.10.

 No other fee is required.

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

X A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Dated this 13th day of October 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana L. Tangren', written in a cursive style.

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